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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: PERTAMINA
OFFICIALS PLAN U.S. VISIT TO STUDY LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)
BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE IS
REQUESTED FOR U.S. VISIT OF PERTAMINA (STATE OIL COMPANY)
OFFICIALS STUDYING U.S. PRACTICE IN EXPLOITATION, TRANSPORT,
CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL GAS (INCLUDING LNG) AND U.S. REGULATORY
POLICIES AND PRACTICES. END SUMMARY.

2. ON THE THRESHOLD OF DEVELOPING ITS CONSIDERABLE GAS RESOURCES,
PERTAMINA IS SENDING SEVERAL TEAMS ABROAD TO STUDY FOREIGN
EXPERIENCE IN GAS EXPLOITATION AND MARKETING. DRS. IR. PEDRICO E.
AND IR. SOEBAGIO WILL VISIT NEW ZEALAND AND USA, BEGINNING LATER
THIS MONTH. PEDRICO'S DOMAIN BUSINESS PRACTICES, ECONOMICS;
SOEBAGIO'S THE TECHNICAL SIDE. THEY PROPOSE LEAVE NEW ZEALAND
FOR HAWAII 4 AUGUST, AND TO SPEND TWO AND A HALF WEEKS THERE AND
IN SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, HOUSTON, ALASKA (FOR LNG PROJECT)
BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR INDONESIA VIA JAPAN.

3. DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM
TO ENCOMPASS FOLLOWING SUBJECTS OF STUDY:

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A - MEANS USED IN U.S. TO ADAPT SUPPLY OF ENERGY FROM GASS
TO VARIATIONS IN LOAD (PEAKS VS. BASE LOAD). STOCKING OF
RESERVES.

B - TRANSPORT SYSTEMS USED IN U.S. FOR NATURAL GAS.

C - CHOOSING AMONG VARIOUS TECHNICAL OPTIONS AS TO WHETHER OR
NOT TO LIQUEFY.

D - CHOOSING THE LOCATION OF FACILITIES WITH RESPECT TO
RESOURCE AND CONSUMERS.

E - U.S. IMPORT POLICY, AND OUTLOOK FOR U.S. LNG IMPORTS.

F - U.S. REGULATORY POLICIES, PRACTICES, EXPERIENCE.

G - "OTHER TECHNICAL ASPECTS" OF GAS DEVELOPMENT.

4. AMERICAN FIRMS ALREADY INVOLVED IN INDONESIAN LNG DEVELOPMENT
SHOULD BE CONSULTED REGARDING SCHEDULE:

MOBIL
ROY M. HUFFINGTON
BECHTEL
PACIFIC LIGHT AND POWER
PROCON
FLUOR CORPORATION

WE WOULD PROPOSE CALLS IN BUMINES, FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION, AND
MARITIME COMMISSION, AS WELL AS COMMERCE AND STATE. ASSUME
COL. GEORGE BENSON (USA RET.), PERTAMINA'S WASHINGTON
REPRESENTATIVE, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION.

5. PEDRICO AND SOEBAGIO PREFER TO BE SCHEDULED TOGETHER. NO
INTERPRETER IS REQUIRED, ALTHOUGH MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF AVAILABLE.

6. APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY SO WE CAN DISCUSS PROPOSED PROGRAM
WITH OFFICIALS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FOR NEW ZEALAND.
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